

Rep. Mike Glanton District 75

## **Biography**

Mike Glanton has been a public servant, volunteer and community leader for over 40 years. He is a U.S. Army retired airborne combat veteran and has worked as a federal and state employee. He has spent significant time in over 13 countries and lived in 18 different cities around the world. Rep. Glanton began his political career by serving with the Clayton County Democratic Party. He was elected to the State Committee for the Democratic Party of Georgia (DPG) serving on the Voter Registration and Constituency Groups subcommittees. He is an active member of the DPG State Committee.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. Among his awards are the Federal Humanitarian Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal and the Georgia Secretary Of State's Outstanding Citizen Award. He is the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal (fifth award) and the Army Achievement Medal (seventh award). He is Clayton County Arc's 2008 "Legislator of the Year." He is the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce "Community Service Award" recipient for 2008 and was selected to the Georgia Chamber of Commerce 2009 "Honor Roll." He served as chairman of the nine-member Clayton County Legislative Delegation from December 2009 through January 2011, and he also served as its secretary during the 2007-2008 legislative sessions. He served two consecutive terms in the Georgia House of Representatives before vacating his seat to run for the State Senate in 2010.

Rep. Glanton was reelected to the House of Representatives in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018. During his tenure in the Georgia House of Representatives, he introduced and passed significant revenue generating legislation for the cities of Jonesboro, Forest Park, Riverdale and Morrow and Clayton County totaling over \$1.5 billion in potential revenue and development. He has personally risen over \$400,000 dollars in donations for local nonprofits. He is credited with passing ethics legislation (House bills 1302 and 743) for the Clayton County School Board in efforts to regain the system's accreditation. He is a founding member of the nationally renowned Elite Scholars Academy Charter School, which is a 2012 Georgia School of Excellence and 2014 National "Blue Ribbon" designated school. In 2014, he introduced and passed House Bill 1009, legislation which brought public transportation (MARTA) back to Clayton County.

Rep. Glanton also served as the chairman of the Clayton County Ethics Committee, which was commissioned by the Board of Commissioners to rewrite the County Code of Ethics in 2008. He is a 2012 nominee for the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Leadership Award for Leadership Development Advocate of the Year. He is a 2017 Toll Fellow and Kentucky Colonel. He is a licensed and ordained minister and serves as the

president of the Clayton County Ministers Conference and is a co-founder of the Coalition of Clayton County Clergy. Rep. Glanton serves as the chief executive officer (CEO) for a general consulting company. He represents Clayton County in the 75th House District of Georgia.

He resides in Jonesboro with his lovely wife, Pearla, from Kauai, Hawaii. He is the proud father of five adult children, grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of two. House District 75 consists of the communities of Jonesboro, Morrow, Flint River, Irongate, Mundy's Mill, Lovejoy, Riverdale, Point South and Lakeview.

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